the Government of Rajasthan will provide an equal extent of area for being included in the protected forest.

(d) The report is dated 28-9-92 and was submitted to the Supreme Court. The Government of India by an affidavit submitted to the Supreme Court prayed for immediate closure of these mines.

Move to settle Bangladeshis in National Parks in Orissa

243. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reported move of Government of Orissa to settle Bangladeshis in national parks in the State;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check large scale deforestation that is likely to occur; and

(c) whether Orissa Government has sought Central Government's permission to cut down forests for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No such reports have been received from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Botanical Survey of India

244. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the programmes undertaken on pilot basis by the Botanical Survey and Zoological Survey of India as part of survey and conservation of natural resources State-wise; and

(b) the details of survey/programmes undertaken or proposed to be undertaken in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The Botanical Survey of India and the Zoological Survey of India are mainly responsible for carrying out surveys and undertaking taxonomic studies on the flora and fauna of the country. This is an ongoing activity covering all the States, considering the tremendous richness, variety and spread of the flora and fauna found in the country.

(b) The Botanical Survey has conducted floristic studies in Parlakimedi, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Bolangir and Sambalpur Districts. The flora of Mahanadi estuary and Burhabanang estuary have been surveyed with particular reference to mangroves. The flora of the coastal area in Puri district has also been surveyed. An account of monocot plants in Orissa has been brought out.

The Zoological Survey of India has conducted detailed surveys on the faunistic diversity in the different districts of Orissa. The surveys on faunal resources in the Chilka lake and in the Rishikulya estuary have been carried out. Two volumes of the State Fauna of Orissa have been published by the Zoological Survey of India.

Similar work by both the Surveys will continue in the future for the purpose of covering the whole State comprehensively.

Action Plan for Pollution in Delhi

245. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Pollution Control Committee has prepared an action plan for pollution control in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the targets fixed in the Action Plan; and

(d) by when, Delhi is proposed to be made pollution free under the Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) The details of the action plan include :

(i) Construction of common effluent treatment plant at Wazirpur industrial area and feasibility of common effluent treatment plant at Mayapuri;

(ii) Upgradation of all sewage treatment plants of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(iii) Regular monitoring of pollution levels at six ambient air quality monitoring stations;

(iv) Checking of vehicular emissions and authorising pollution checking facilities;

(v) Steps to reduce emissions from foundaries and coal fired boilers including installation of pollution control devices; and

(vi) No units to be granted consent to operate unless they have taken all air pollution control measures.

(d) No such specific date has been fixed in the Action Plan for making Delhi free from pollution.

Animals died in the Delhi Zoo

246. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that two rare animals, an African male rhinoceros and an orang otang died in the Delhi Zoo recently;

(b) if so, whether due to negligence on the part of Zoo authorities both the animals died;

(c) whether the Indian Veterinary Research Institute have conducted organs test in this behalf;

(d) if so, the results thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to save Zoo animals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir. One orangutan died in January 1993 and the Rhinos in February 1993.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The IVRI, Izatnagar has conducted tests on the visera in the case of Rhinos and dignosed severe intestinal infection as the cause of death. In the case of orangutan the IVRI examined brain, large intestine, trachea, heart, liver and spleen. The cause of death of Orangutan was macroscopically diagnosed as pneumonia.

(e) Steps taken to prevent untimely deaths among the animals of the zoo are as under :

(i) Many animal enclosures have been completely renovated.

(ii) Filtered water is being supplied in the enclosures.

(iii) Sick animals are attended to and regular veterinary care is given by qualified veterinarians.

(iv) Whenever required services of other external veterinary experts are also taken.

Assault on Doon's Ecology

247. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a write-up which appeared in the Indian Express of 5th April, 1993, regarding assault on Doon's ecology; and

(b) what action has been taken to save the forests in this area and closing of quarries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has been advised to ensure that no illegal mining is permitted in the area.